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This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION X DIVISIONAL
 CONTINUATION-IN-PART application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of
pending prior application Serial No. 10/194,015 filed on July 10, 2002
of

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Inventor(s)

OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
Title of Invention

1. X Specification - 50 pages
2. X The prior application is assigned of record to Ricoh Company, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.
3. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
 is enclosed.
 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
4. X The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT

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| | | | | | SMALL ENTITY | OTHER ENTITY | SMALL ENTITY | OTHER ENTITY |
| Total Claims | 5-20 | | 0 | X | \$9 | \$18 | = \$ | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 2-3 | | 0 | X | \$43 | \$86 | = \$ | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Presented <u> </u> Yes <u> X </u> No | | | | | \$145 | \$290 | = \$ | \$0 |
| *If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2 | | | | | BASIC FEE | | \$385.00 | \$770.00 |
| | | | | | TOTAL FEE | | \$770.00 | |

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14. X Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §120, of the following United States Application(s), or Section 365 of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States:

| <u>Appl. Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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15. X A copy of the power of attorney in the prior application is enclosed.


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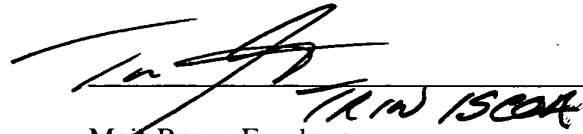
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**EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
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I hereby certify that this divisional application of Shozo MURATA and Yukitoshi TAJIMA, filed herewith, including a copy of prior application Serial No. 10/194,015 [including 50-page specification and 12 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-12B)], a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in Serial No. 09/499,496, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449), Transmittal Letter in triplicate, a check in the amount of \$770.00 and return stamped postcard, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service “Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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